

Remarks

Prior to entry of the present amendment, claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-24, 26-33 and 35-47 were pending in the present application. Claims 41-46 are cancelled above.

Claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-24, 26-33, 35-40 and 47 are allowed.

Claims 41-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gaston (U.S. Patent Number 7,124,441). In view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks, the rejections are respectfully traversed, and reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

Claims 41-46 are cancelled above.

With the cancellation of the rejected claims, only allowed claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-24, 26-33, 35-40 and 47 remain in the application. Therefore, upon entry of this Amendment, the application will be in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is requested that this Amendment be entered and that the case be allowed and passed to issue.

Closing Remarks


It is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If prosecution of the application can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number given below.

In connection with this matter, please charge any otherwise unpaid fees which may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501798.

Respectfully submitted,

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